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Date of Incident: Thursday, May 19, 2016

Time of Incident:

Incident Case #:

Summary:

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016 the following Bristol Officers were presented with the following awards at the Bristol Police Commission meeting.

Officer Eric Hanson and Officer Greg Lattanzio: **Life Saving Commendation/Officer of the Month.**

On March 25th, 2016, Officers Eric Hanson and Gregg Lattanzio responded to a residence on South Street to assist an ambulance. It was reported that a woman was down inside the residence and was having difficulty breathing for unknown reasons. Upon arrival, Officer Hanson entered the residence and located the woman who was being held by her boyfriend in the upstairs bedroom. Officer Hanson learned from the boyfriend that he had returned home and found her lying unconscious in the bedroom so he called 911. It was difficult to obtain any further information as there was a language barrier. Officer Hanson conducted an initial assessment of the female and noted that her breathing was labored and agonal in nature. When he initially entered the residence, Officer Hanson noted that there was an overwhelming odor of what smelled like gasoline. After a short time inside, Officer Hanson began to feel the effects of the gaseous fumes. At this point, Officer Lattanzio arrived on scene to assist. Officer Lattanzio then began to check the residence for any further victims and/or the cause of the gaseous fumes and the Fire Department was requested. Finding that there were no other persons inside and recognizing that the air quality in the residence was unsafe, Officers Hanson and Lattanzio carried the female outside to safety and evacuated the unit. Officers Hanson and Lattanzio provided medical aid and administered oxygen to the female until the arrival of EMS. Once outside and receiving medical care, the female regained consciousness and was eventually transported to Bristol Hospital for further treatment. Upon arrival of the Fire Department, it was found that the female had returned home and left her vehicle running in the attached garage until it ran out of gas. As such, noxious carbon monoxide fumes had infiltrated the residence and she was overcome. The Fire Department utilized a meter in an attempt to measure the concentration of carbon monoxide within the residence. However, the level was so high, that it did not register on the meter. As a result of their exposure to the extremely



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high level of carbon monoxide, Officers Hanson and Lattanzio began to feel ill themselves. The Officers advised that they experienced headaches and described feeling light-headed and sick to their stomachs. Officers Hanson and Lattanzio were subsequently treated for a minor case of carbon monoxide poisoning and were later released.

Officer Conor Hogan and Officer Dan Dwyer : **Letter Of Commendation and Officer Of the Month Award.**

Each year Mothers Against Drunk Driving reaches out to police departments with a request for the names of two officers who have assisted in their mission to end drunk driving. Those chosen are honored at a statewide MADD recognition ceremony. A check of BPD records shows that the two Officers with the largest number of DUI arrests last year were Officer Dan Dwyer and Officer Conor Hogan. Officers Dwyer and Hogan have been selected to represent the Bristol Police Department at the 30th Annual Law Enforcement Recognition ceremony on May 24, 2016. Their work is very much appreciated and has potentially saved the lives of not only members of the Community but also the lives of fellow officers.



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From left to right: Officer Conor Hogan, Officer Gregg Lattanzio, Chief Brian Gould, Officer Eric Hanson and Officer Dan Dwyer.

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